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# **Committee on Community Colleges and Workforce**

**Meeting  
Tuesday, March 21, 2006  
2:15 PM – 5:15 PM  
Room 24, House Office Building**

**ACTION PACKET**

**Revised**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Community Colleges & Workforce Committee**  
**3/21/2006 2:15:00PM**

**Location:** 24 HOB

**HB 1171 : Travel to Terrorist States**

☒ *Favorable*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Gustavo Barreiro	X				
Ron Greenstein	X				
Edward Jennings				X	
Paige Kreegel	X				
Matthew Meadows	X				
John Quinones	X				
Baxter Troutman	X				
Pat Patterson (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 7</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

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Location: 24 HOB

**HB 1065 : Educational Opportunities for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans and Servicemembers**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favorable					
	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Gustavo Barreiro	X				
Ron Greenstein	X				
Edward Jennings				X	
Paige Kreegel				X	
Matthew Meadows	X				
John Quinones	X				
Baxter Troutman	X				
Pat Patterson (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 6      Total Nays: 0</b>					

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**HB 513 : Career and Professional Academies**

☒ *Favorable With Committee Substitute*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Gustavo Barreiro	X				
Ron Greenstein	X				
Edward Jennings				X	
Paige Kreegel				X	
Matthew Meadows	X				
John Quinones	X				
Baxter Troutman	X				
Pat Patterson (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 6      Total Nays: 0</b>					

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**HB 49 CS : Caregivers for Adults**

☒ *Favorable*

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Gustavo Barreiro	X				
Ron Greenstein	X				
Edward Jennings				X	
Paige Kreegel	X				
Matthew Meadows	X				
John Quinones	X				
Baxter Troutman	X				
Pat Patterson (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 7</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**Appearances:**

Caregivers for Adults

Douglas Adkins - Proponent

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**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Pat Patterson (Chair)	X		
Gustavo Barreiro	X		
Ron Greenstein	X		
Edward Jennings			X
Paige Kreegel	X		
Matthew Meadows	X		
John Quinones	X		
Baxter Troutman	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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**Summary:**

**Community Colleges & Workforce Committee**

*Tuesday March 21, 2006 02:15 pm*

HB 49 CS     Favorable

Yeas: 7   Nays: 0

HB 513     Favorable With Committee Substitute

Yeas: 6   Nays: 0

HB 1065     Favorable

Yeas: 6   Nays: 0

HB 1171     Favorable

Yeas: 7   Nays: 0

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Bill No. 513

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Council/Committee hearing bill:

Representative Bilirakis offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 1003.493, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1003.493 Career and professional academies.--

(1) A career and professional academy is a research-based program that integrates a rigorous academic curriculum with an industry-driven career curriculum. Career and professional academies may be offered by public schools, school districts, or the Florida Virtual School. Students completing career and professional academy programs receive a standard high school diploma, the highest available industry certification, and postsecondary credit if the academy partners with a postsecondary institution.

(2) The goals of career and professional academies are to:

(a) Increase student academic achievement and graduation rates through integrated academic and career curricula.

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21 (b) Focus on career preparation through rigorous academics  
22 and industry certification.

23 (c) Raise student aspiration and commitment to academic  
24 achievement and work ethics.

25 (d) Support graduation requirements by providing creative,  
26 applied majors as provided by law.

27 (e) Promote acceleration mechanisms, such as dual  
28 enrollment, articulated credit, or occupational completion  
29 points, so that students may earn postsecondary credit while in  
30 high school.

31 (f) Support the state's economy by meeting industry needs  
32 for skilled employees in high-demand occupations.

33 (3) A career and professional academy may be offered as  
34 one of the following small learning communities:

35 (a) A school-within-a-school career academy, as part of an  
36 existing high school, that provides courses in one occupational  
37 cluster. Students in the high school are not required to be  
38 students in the academy.

39 (b) A total school configuration providing multiple  
40 academies each structured around an occupational cluster. Every  
41 student in the school is in an academy.

42 (4) Each career and professional academy must:

43 (a) Provide a rigorous standards-based academic curriculum  
44 integrated with a career curriculum. The curriculum must take  
45 into consideration multiple styles of student learning; promote  
46 learning by doing through application and adaptation; maximize  
47 relevance of the subject matter; enhance each student's capacity  
48 to excel; and include an emphasis on work habits and work  
49 ethics.

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50        (b) Include one or more partnerships with postsecondary  
51 institutions, businesses, industry, employers, economic  
52 development organizations, or other appropriate partners from  
53 the local community. Such partnerships must provide  
54 opportunities for:

- 55        1. Instruction from highly skilled professionals.  
56        2. Internships, externships, and on-the-job training.  
57        3. A postsecondary degree, diploma, or certificate.  
58        4. The highest available level of industry certification.

59 Where no national or state certification exists, school  
60 districts may establish a local certification in conjunction  
61 with the local workforce development board, the chamber of  
62 commerce, or the Agency for Workforce Innovation.

63        5. Maximum articulation of credits pursuant to s. 1007.23  
64 upon program completion.

65        (c) Provide creative and tailored student advisement,  
66 including parent participation and coordination with middle  
67 schools to provide career exploration and education planning.  
68 Coordination with middle schools must provide information to  
69 middle school students about secondary and postsecondary career  
70 education programs and academies.

71        (d) Provide a career education certification on the high  
72 school diploma pursuant to s. 1003.431.

73        (e) Provide instruction in careers designated as high  
74 growth, high demand, and high pay by the local workforce  
75 development board, the chamber of commerce, or the Agency for  
76 Workforce Innovation.

77        (f) Deliver academic content through instruction relevant  
78 to the career, including intensive reading and mathematics

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79 intervention, with an emphasis on strengthening reading for  
80 information skills.

81 (g) Offer applied courses that combine academic content  
82 with technical skills. Such courses must be submitted for  
83 approval to the Department of Education no later than five  
84 months before the beginning of the school term in which such  
85 courses are planned to be offered. The State Board of Education  
86 must approve or disapprove courses no later than three months  
87 before the school term in which such courses are planned to be  
88 offered. The Department of Education shall present new courses  
89 to the Board for approval a minimum of three times annually.

90 (h) Provide instruction resulting in competency,  
91 certification, or credentials in workplace skills, including,  
92 but not limited to, communication skills, interpersonal skills,  
93 decisionmaking skills, the importance of attendance and  
94 timeliness in the work environment, and work ethics.

95 (i) Provide opportunities for students to obtain the  
96 Florida Ready to Work Certification as provided by law.

97 (j) Include an evaluation plan developed jointly with the  
98 Department of Education. The evaluation plan must include a  
99 self-assessment tool based on standards, such as the Career  
100 Academy National Standards of Practice, and outcome measures  
101 including, but not limited to, graduation rates, enrollment in  
102 postsecondary education, business and industry satisfaction,  
103 employment and earnings, achievement of industry certification,  
104 awards of postsecondary credit, and FCAT achievement levels and  
105 learning gains.

106 Section 2. Section 1003.494, Florida Statutes, is created  
107 to read:

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108 1003.494 Career High-Skill Occupational Initiative for  
109 Career Education (CHOICE) academies.--

110 (1) The Department of Education shall establish a Career  
111 High-Skill Occupational Initiative for Career Education (CHOICE)  
112 project. The project shall consist of a competitive process for  
113 selecting and designating school districts as participants in  
114 the project and designating CHOICE academies within  
115 participating school districts.

116 (2) A CHOICE academy is a career and professional academy  
117 that meets the goals and requirements specified in s. 1003.493  
118 and offers a rigorous and relevant academic curriculum leading  
119 to industry-recognized certification, college credit, and credit  
120 toward a high school diploma. Existing career education courses  
121 may serve as a foundation for the creation of a CHOICE academy.

122 (3) The purpose of a CHOICE academy shall be to:

123 (a) Draw upon ongoing partnerships between education and  
124 workforce development or economic development organizations to  
125 enhance the quality and opportunities for career education for  
126 high school students by exposure to in-demand career education  
127 as identified by such organizations in the local community.

128 (b) Build upon the state system of school improvement and  
129 education accountability by providing students with a solid  
130 academic foundation, opportunities to obtain industry-recognized  
131 certification or credentials, and preparation for postsecondary  
132 educational experiences in related fields.

133 (c) Prepare graduating high school students to make  
134 appropriate choices relative to employment and future  
135 educational experiences.

136 (4) The Department of Education may establish application  
137 guidelines for an annual competitive process and eligibility

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138 criteria for school district participation. A school district  
139 may apply to the department for designation as a CHOICE project  
140 participating district, and the department, in consultation with  
141 Workforce Florida, Inc., and Enterprise Florida, Inc., may  
142 designate as many school districts as it deems advisable each  
143 year. Eligibility criteria for designation of a school district  
144 as a CHOICE project participant shall include, but not be  
145 limited to:

146 (a) The willingness and ability of associated businesses  
147 or industries to form partnerships with and support CHOICE  
148 academies.

149 (b) The dedication of school district resources to CHOICE  
150 academies.

151 (5) The Department of Education, in consultation with  
152 Workforce Florida, Inc., shall establish standards for  
153 designating specific CHOICE academies in each participating  
154 school district. A participating school district may apply to  
155 the department for designation of a CHOICE academy within the  
156 district. Eligibility criteria for such designation must  
157 include, but not be limited to, the following:

158 (a) Partnerships with an associated business or industry  
159 and a regional workforce board or the primary local economic  
160 development organization in the county as recognized by  
161 Enterprise Florida, Inc. The partnership of the business or  
162 industry with the CHOICE academy must be based on the connection  
163 of the business or industry with the academy's career theme and  
164 must involve future plans for improving the local economy. The  
165 business or industry partner must be consulted during the  
166 planning stages of a CHOICE academy and provide business or  
167 industry support and resources devoted to the CHOICE academy.

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168 The Consortium of Florida Education Foundations or a designee  
169 must be consulted during the planning stages of a CHOICE academy  
170 and may provide support and resources devoted to the CHOICE  
171 academy.

172 (b) At least one established partnership and an  
173 articulation agreement for credit with a postsecondary  
174 institution.

175 (c) A plan for sustaining the CHOICE academy.  
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177 The Okaloosa County School District and other school districts  
178 that have received funding from Workforce Florida, Inc., for the  
179 establishment of CHOICE academies prior to July 1, 2006, shall  
180 receive an expedited review for CHOICE academy designation by  
181 the department.

182 (6) A participating school district shall:

183 (a) Identify an appropriate location for classes.

184 (b) Ensure that a CHOICE academy is flexible enough to  
185 respond both to the needs and abilities of students and to the  
186 needs of associated businesses or industries.

187 (c) Redirect appropriated funding from ongoing activities  
188 to a CHOICE academy.

189 (d) Plan for sustaining a CHOICE academy as an ongoing  
190 program without additional funding.

191 (7) The Department of Education shall:

192 (a) With assistance from Workforce Florida, Inc., provide  
193 technical assistance to participating school districts in  
194 submitting applications for designation of specific CHOICE  
195 academies located in specific schools in the school district,  
196 reorganizing career education opportunities, developing CHOICE  
197 academies with career themes in areas deemed appropriate by

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198 Workforce Florida, Inc., or local economic development  
199 organizations, and developing funding plans.

200 (b) Jointly with Workforce Florida, Inc., and in  
201 consultation with the school districts, develop evaluation  
202 criteria for CHOICE academies. Such criteria shall include  
203 increased academic performance of students and schools using  
204 school-level accountability data.

205 (c) Report to the State Board of Education, the Governor,  
206 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
207 Representatives by July 1 of each year on school district  
208 participation in the CHOICE project, designated CHOICE academies  
209 with enrollment and completion data for such academies, and  
210 appropriate outcomes for students who have completed a CHOICE  
211 academy program. Such outcomes may include continuing  
212 educational experiences of CHOICE academy graduates, business or  
213 industry satisfaction with the CHOICE academies, placement of  
214 CHOICE academy graduates in employment, and earnings of such  
215 graduates.

216 (d) Promote CHOICE academies and provide planning and  
217 startup resources as available.

218 (8) As provided in the General Appropriations Act, the  
219 Department of Education shall award one-time startup funds to  
220 school districts designated as participants in the CHOICE  
221 project for the development of CHOICE academies. All school  
222 districts designated by the department are authorized to  
223 establish one or more CHOICE academies without incentive funds.

224 Section 3. Subsection (7) is added to section 288.9015,  
225 Florida Statutes, to read:

226 288.9015 Enterprise Florida, Inc.; purpose; duties.--

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227       (7) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall work with the  
228 Department of Education and Workforce Florida, Inc., in the  
229 designation of school districts as participants in the CHOICE  
230 project pursuant to s. 1003.494.

231       Section 4. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (5) of  
232 section 445.004, Florida Statutes, to read:

233       445.004 Workforce Florida, Inc.; creation; purpose;  
234 membership; duties and powers.--

235       (5) Workforce Florida, Inc., shall have all the powers and  
236 authority, not explicitly prohibited by statute, necessary or  
237 convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes as  
238 determined by statute, Pub. L. No. 105-220, and the Governor, as  
239 well as its functions, duties, and responsibilities, including,  
240 but not limited to, the following:

241       (i) Working with the Department of Education and  
242 Enterprise Florida, Inc., in the implementation of the CHOICE  
243 project pursuant to s. 1003.494.

244       Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

249 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

250       Remove line(s) 2-27 and insert:

251       An act relating to career and professional academies;  
252       creating s. 1003.493, F.S.; defining the term "career and  
253       professional academy"; providing academy goals and duties;  
254       creating s. 1003.494, F.S.; authorizing the Department of  
255       Education to establish a Career High-Skill Occupational  
256       Initiative for Career Education (CHOICE) project as a

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257 competitive process for the designation of school district  
258 participants and CHOICE academies; providing eligibility  
259 criteria for such designation; providing duties of school  
260 districts and the department; providing for the award to  
261 certain school districts of startup funds for the  
262 development of CHOICE academies; amending ss. 288.9015 and  
263 445.004, F.S.; providing duties of Enterprise Florida,  
264 Inc., and Workforce Florida, Inc., to conform; providing  
265 an effective date.  
266